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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I want to ask you what has happened during the last three days that makes it necessary that we put in the one million back today. Now, apparently nothing has happened and Senator Cavanaugh convinced us three days ago, or whenever it was, that it should be taken off and we in our wisdom took it off. So, now I guess that it boils down to a debate today whether Senator Lewis or Senator Cavanaugh is right, and I suggest that if we put it back on today and take it back off Monday and put it on Tuesday and take it off Wednesday that we will just run this through every day and we really won't know will we whether we had done the right thing except the days make it come out right one way or the other. I don't know what has happened in two or three days here that has changed the situation so drastically.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of Senator Lewis's motion. The reason that I am doing this is the fact that the central administration or the systems office handles considerable number of things such as plant operation and maintenance for all campuses. Ag, Lincoln campus, UNO campus and the Med Center. It is all centralized in the systems office. The Ag figures for example, the net result of the Cavanaugh amendment is actually hidden within the \$160,000 what you see will be deleted from the UNL budget. That \$160,000 includes the amount that will be deleted from the Ag Campus for example. I suggest for example that when Senator Cavanaugh indicates who will run the University, that that is why, frankly that we have a Board of Regents, Senator Cavanaugh. We are supposed to leave the details like that up to them. If they want to hire a specific person, that is their job. They are elected by the public and they can make that decision and answer to the public themselves. I frankly disagree with the way Senator Cavanaugh wrote the amendment in the first place because what he did was he took money from the base budget of the...not only the systems office but the campus level funds as well, just by virtue of us having left the program lines in the systems office that is the thing that gave birth as to how they would have to reduce each of the campuses and believe me, Ag, UNO, UNL, Med Center all are getting hit with this. We are not...in other words his shot-gun approach did not hit the systems office like he intended it to be. Consequently, what he did was that he hit the campus levels in their continuation budgets. For that reason, I am whole heartedly supporting Senator F. Lewis' motion to put the money back in and then if the wisdom of this body decides that we should eliminate this, this and this, out of where we want to specifically want to eliminate it, that is the decision that this body can make. But lets put it back in and then do it right so that this body knows exactly what we are eliminating and so does the Board of Regents and the systems office. I whole heartedly endorse the Lewis amendment, the motion rather. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.